

### **REMARKS**

Receipt is acknowledged of the Office Action mailed 7 May 2004.

In the Office Action, the Examiner noted that claims 1, 4-19, 21-38, 41, 44, 46, 47, 49 and 53-55 are pending in the application; claims 1, 4-7, 38 and 41 are allowed; claims 8-19, 21-29, 44, 46, 47, 49 and 53-55 are rejected and claims 30-37 are withdrawn.

By this Amendment, claims 8-19, 21-37, 44, 46, 47, 49 and 53-55 are canceled. Accordingly, all claims rejections have been overcome and should be withdrawn.

A favorable Action on the merits is solicited.

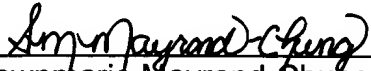
### **CONCLUSION**

In view of the above amendment and remarks, applicants respectfully request that all objections and rejections be withdrawn and that a notice of allowance be forthcoming. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney for applicants at 202-912-2111 for any reason related to the advancement of this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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